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In re Application of:

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For: MASTERBATCH OF

FUNCTIONALIZED CARBON BLACK

AND ELASTOMER(S) AND ARTICLES

WITH COMPONENT(S) THEREOF,

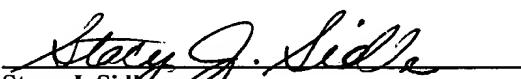
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated September 5, 2003, no paper number given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.